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Wild Blue Yonder



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

K-State Air Force ROTC march to the ROTC building last fall for the AFROTC birthday. Cadets compete in a selection process to determine if they will go on to pilot school or combat systems officer training.

K-State AFROTC cadets selected for pilot slots

Carrie Gilliam | COLLEGIAN

Students from K-State Air Force ROTC were selected from a highly competitive system for rated slots.

Cadets who are of junior standing apply to a selections committee by writing a memorandum and identifying what position they are interested in. The positions they can select from are Pilot, Combat System Operator and Air Battle Man-

Scores on their application are broken down into five areas including unit commander ranking, cumulative G.P.A., physical fitness, field training performance report and the PCSM. The PCSM is a combination of the Air Force Officer Qualifications Test Pilot score, flight hours and a hand eye coordination test.

Captain Nathaniel Kaiser, commander of cadets said the PCSM test "makes the brain turn to mush.

These qualifications show the committee if their commander believes the cadets will be successful, if they are competent and if they can handle a stressful situation.

"We are always told academics come first," said Alex Copeland, senior in economics. Copeland was selected for the pilot slot.

He added that without a degree there will not be a flying slot in the Air Force.

After applying, cadets take the Test of Basic Aviation Skill at McConnell Air Force Base.

"There is no way to study for the test," Copeland said. "After applying, it's a waiting game."

Kaiser said the process is extremely competitive and over a thousand people apply around the U.S. and Puerto Rico and only 500 are accepted.

After selected students graduate they will go on to pilot school or combat systems officer training. Kaiser said pilot school consists of two years of

training and flying for hundreds of hours to let them get comfortable with flying and land-

"It wreaks havoc on the body," Kaiser said. "They wear training suits so they do not black out."

Copeland's and other cadets' duties did not change at K-State after they were selected for rated slots.

"I'm a flight commander in charge of roughly 20 cadets of all class, but my duties as a flight commander do not change solely because I was selected for this slot," Copeland said. "And not all cadets who have received a flying slot are

necessarily flight commanders." After pilot training, the cadets will be ranked as second lieutenants and begin ten years

of service. You aren't exactly expected to know everything," said Copeland. "But you are expected to be able to perform when you get to your job."

Copeland said his passion is the military, and it has always been his desire to be selected for the slot.

Katherine Maier, junior in apparel marketing, joined AF-ROTC at K-State at the end of her sophomore year after talking with other people involved and was also selected for the pilot slot.

"I have always wanted to be a pilot but my parents weren't so fond of the idea." Maier said. Maier said she liked the AF-ROTC because cadets get to experience different career fields and meet new people. Maier continued by saying she did not know when she would re-

tire from the air force. "Depends on when I have to start flying a desk," Maier said.

Other students selected for pilot slots were Mark Caywood, Tom Mannion, Benjamin Jewell and Chris Hansen. The three selected for combat systems officers were Ashley Mayes, Wade Scribner and Andrew Wessel.

POLICE REPORT

Rape suspect known to local victim

Hannah Blick | COLLEGIAN

A Manhattan woman reported she was raped earlier this week, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

The incident occurred sometime between 3 and 4 a.m. on Sunday in the southeast part of Manhattan, said RCPD Lt. Herb Crosby.

The victim, who is in her mid-twenties, woke up to the suspect in her bed, according to the report. She then contacted the RCPD and reported the rape.

The victim was not physically injured, and the suspect is known to her, Crosby said.

Education instructor wins award

Tiffany Roney | COLLEGIAN

Most days, a teacher may finish the school day without a word of thanks, but it's when a teacher receives an award for her hard work that she knows she is doing something right.

Lou Ann Getz, 1981 K-State alumni, instructor of secondary education at K-State and clinical instructor at Anthony and Eisenhower Middle Schools, was named the Kansas Master Teacher for 2010.

"The state of Kansas is blessed with outsanding teachers across the entire state," said Greg Hoyt, principal at Eisenhower Middle School. "And Lou Ann is definitely at the top of them and very deserving."

Getz has been teaching for 30 years and said she has always enjoyed sharing knowledge with anyone who is willing to learn.

"I am very pleased to get this teacher's award; we have a lot of long-term teachers in this area, so it's definitely an honor," Getz said.

In addition to teaching at two local middle schools, Getz is an instructor of secondary education at K-State and trains pre-service teach-

ers.
"That's one of the neat parts of my job: to see the kids come through and learn the job, get that experience, finish their degree and their portfolio and start their career," she said. "To see students through their education and even see some of them stay in town; that's been a big

part of my job." Hoyt said the Manhattan school district is blessed to have a partnership with K-State and to have positions like Getz's that can facilitate a large number of pre-service educators coming into USD 383's buildings.

Hoyt said Getz's work is also beneficial to K-State students, because it allows them to receive much more teaching experience than they get in the classrooms on campus.

"The campus classes are important, too, but actually getting those students in there, those pre-service teachers working with the stu-dents; it's incredible," Hoyt said. "And she facilitates all of that."

Getz will receive her award from Emporia State University on Kansas Master Recognition Teacher Day, which is March 1, in Emporia, Kan.

Human rights lecture on poverty insightful

Austin Enns | COLLEGIAN

Thomas Pogge, professor in philosophy and international affairs at Yale University, spoke about how poverty is not being addressed in the current global political climate yesterday at a lecture titled "Human Rights and Global Justice."

Pogge's first main contention was poverty is a human rights violation as defined by article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, which starts out by saying "everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family."

Joseph Savage, sophomore in philosophy, said he enjoyed the human rights focus at the beginning of the lecture because he felt it related to him as a philosophy

"It was good to hear the human rights part, and the obligations that we have to the rest of the world," Savage said.

Supportive figures were then brought up to uphold the assertion that poverty is a human rights violation. Pogge mentioned that 18 mil-

lion people die every year from

a poverty related cause, which is equivalent to 50,000 people every day. Then, he pointed out that three billion people live on less then \$2.50 a day. The shortfall between actual wealth and that figure is equivalent to \$507 billion which is about two thirds of the U.S. defense budget, he said.

"The world poverty problem is a joke compared to the recent financial crisis," Pogge said, emphasizing how treatable poverty is.

Global institutional arrangements were blamed for much of the poverty crisis, and Pogge emphasized the moral obligation of the institutions to be fair toward poorer countries. Examples of unfair practices that were cited include protectionism, permissive environmental rules, sustaining

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DAILY BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

MONDAY

Justin Kyle Lake, 2528 Brockman St., was arrested at 9:35 a.m. for worthless check and two counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,500.

Nathan Glenn Johnson, Fort Riley, was arrested at 11:57 a.m. for two counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Kevin Edward Brady, 1420 Flint Hills, was arrested at 2:30 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

Ben Sanders Jr., 67 Emery Place, was arrested at 2:35 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$234.

Jader Antonio Rocha, 1817 Hunting Ave., was arrested at 3:24 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set

William Franklin Bivens III, Junction City, was arrested at 3:45 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Jake Allen Lindsey, 716 Humboldt St., was arrested at 10:30 p.m. for non-driver ID card. Bond was set at

Amber Louise Desario, 906 Pottawatomie Ave, was arrested at 11:20 p.m. for battery and battery against a law enforcement officer. Bond was set at \$1,000.

TUESDAY

Jillian Dawn Rivera, 704 Dondee Drive, was arrested at 3:30 a.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.



To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian's Web site, www.kstatecollegian.com.

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The American Cancer Society and KSU Relay for Life Committee are holding a Team Captain Meeting on Thursday in Room 212 of the Student Union at 7:30 p.m. If you are a Team Captain or just another interested individual who would like to get a better understanding of this "party for a cause," feel free to stop by and learn how you can help fight cancer.

Career and Employment Services will present the Common Good Career Fair today in the Union Ballroom, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information go to k-state.edu/ces.

Rec Services is offering free Jump Rope Fitness classes on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. in the west multipurpose room at the Rec Complex. Classes are limited to 25 people due to jumping space, so sign up for a spot at the front service desk at the

Entries for intramural softball and individual/doubles sports are being accepted in the office at the Rec Complex through Thursday. For entry forms and more information go to recservices.ksu.edu or call 785-532-6980.

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Rec Services' personal trainers and nutrition consultants are offering Kat Kravings, a five-week program involving both nutrition and fitness. The cost for students is \$50 and \$75 for Rec members. This program is limited to 40 participants and begins March 21. For more information, call the office at 785-532-6980.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday in Holtz Hall. Contact k-state. edu/ces for more information.

March is National Nutrition Month. Purchase a nutritional analysis at the Rec Complex during the month of March for half price. Student price is \$7.50, and the fee is \$10 for Rec members. Sign up in the administrative office at the Rec Complex. Call 785-532-6980 for more information.

Nominations are being accepted for the Anderson Senior Awards, the Multicultural Leadership and Service Awards and the Graduate Student Awards. Anyone is free to nominate deserving students who will be graduating in May, August or December 2010. Forms are available at k-state.com/awards and are due by 5 p.m. Friday.

The Student Homecoming Com**mittee** is now seeking applicants. Pick up an application at the Alumni Center or complete one online at kstate.com/homecoming. Applications are due at 5 p.m. Friday.

Information Technology Assistance Center will be presenting the following orientations. The events are open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration required. -IT Orientation: Emerging Technologies will be held from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday in Hale Library room

The TechBytes series is offering the following sessions. The series is open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration is not required. All sessions are from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

-Thursday - Zimbra Calendar -March 25 - Google Wave

Information Technology Teaching and Learning will offer the

following sessions: March 25 - A Sense of Where We Are: Geographic Information Science and Systems

Ápril 22 - Show ME, Don't Tell ME. All events are from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Union 212. Events are open to all faculty, staff and students.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in yesterday's Collegian. Brian Spooner is the interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Bruce Shubert is the Vice President for Administration and Finance. The Collegian regrets the error. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Bethaney Wallace at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

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AWKWARD GRAD

Delaying: not the best idea



I'm in the hospital. I'm 25 years old and this is my .. 12th visit, if you can call it a visit, in just over a year. The routine is simple now, understood by all. I come in late, get a wrist-band that will inevitably pull my arm hair out, come up to the second floor and cut through the ICU to the Express Unit. I've done this so many times the questions go unnoticed. Medication? Sure. Fever? Nah. Eaten today? Nope. It's Thursday this time and something's wrong.

Palmer is here with me. We've seen each other a few times. He doesn't have an immune system. He died once; 11:01. He was staring at the clock when it happened. I believe he's 65 years old, but that's not right.

"You in here for the arthritis?" he asked again. He asks me every time.

"Crohn's," I tell him, "but it's the same medicine."

"That's right," he says, "I think I've asked you that before." I think so, too.

I come in every two months. Eight weeks. I was a week late this time. Nine weeks. Work and school got in the way. How 'bout that? That last week was awful. I never thought it would matter one way or the other. It

does. It definitely does. I told you once, something's wrong. Now I've told you twice. I've been here for just under two hours. The drip rate of the IV always starts slowly. After a short while then they speed it up, and then again and again twice more. Often I'm out of here in three hours. But

something's wrong. Another man is here for the first time. An older gentleman straight out of Manhattan. Born and raised.

"If I told you all the jobs I've held, you'd think I'd have to be 99 or 102." His wife and granddaughter are here. I recognize the granddaughter but I cannot figure out how. She works at K-State in Admissions, but I haven't been there in so long.

"Tell him what a beautiful day is," his wife told him, referring to me. I don't know his name. "A beautiful day is when the birds are singing, the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing and the lawn mower's broke."

After a short laugh, he asked Palmer what he did.

"What did I do?" Palmer asked with a smile. "Pat my wife on the biscuits each morning as she headed to

Something's wrong, though. It's been three hours now and the bag's still a slow

Palmer just went for a walk. If he were younger and less volatile I would use him as my lead character for my hospital story. As it is I won't. It's me after all, but Palmer's such a better name. Of course he would actually be in the story as himself, and Palmer fits an old bed-ridden roommate better than a young spry, mischievous sucker wandering around the halls of the hospital.

I see the nurses whispering to each other and glancing at me. They don't know I see them. I wonder what's wrong with me.

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K-State Traditions

University staples come from historical customs, twists of fate

Editor's Note: This is the third installment of a three part series about K-State traditions

Melissa M. Taylor | COLLEGIAN

From the days of the Class Spade, freshman caps and live mascots to war times interrupting homecoming and cam-pus atmosphere, today's traditions are a manifestation of the traditions of the

"We have a new freshman class every year and they have a lot to do with it," said Pat Patton, university archivist. "If older traditions peak any interest, they bring it back bigger and better."

Today's traditions revolve not only around athletics and academics, but around a custom based on connections.

"Our tradition is really bound on community," said Brooke Lindell, sophomore in secondary education. "It goes farther than just supporting a sports team, but supporting the university as a whole. Something I sense on our campus is that being involved is something important and the university is something you carry with you the rest of your life.

From the past to the present, the traditions listed below reflect what shapes today's atmosphere.



ROYAL PURPLE

In 1896, the color purple was chosen to represent Kansas State Agricultural College and it remains the only official color of K-State today. The color was originally chosen for its beauty and the fact that it could not be found in use at any other university. Patton said the faculty approved royal purple as the official college color May 28, 1921.

WABASH CANNONBALL

In the fall of 1969, Nichols Hall was set ablaze and the only sheet music to survive the fire, rumored to be in the band director's briefcase not the building, was the "Wabash Cannonball". The band faced an upcoming football game and played the only music they had often. The Wabash Cannonball originally had no link to K-State and today has be-

come a second fight song.

"I like all the rituals we do that make us unique," Lindell said. "I really do love the Wabash Cannonball because it is extremely unique to our university and I'm not aware of any other school that has anything like it. I like the historical background too of how Nichols Hall burned down and it was the only piece of sheet music left."

K-STATE WILDCATS

K-State Wildcats began as Aggies, but in 1915, head football coach John "Chief" Bender nicknamed his squad the "Wildcats" and the name stuck.



The lively bar district K-State students know today began as a ladies' shop, a hardware store and a wooden sidewalk in the early 1900s. A local cookie salesman in the early 1900s derived the name Aggieville when he sent a letter to one of the shops in Aggieville, Kan., deriving the name from the Kansas State Agricultural College Aggies.

There were dances held on the weekends and movies featured at the cinema. The first taverns appeared in the early 1940s, but when the depression hit Manhattan, Aggieville became a quiet place. During war times, wooden barracks were set up in and around Aggieville. In the 1950s, Aggieville was used as the student scene. Students rallied, celebrated and enjoyed the entertainment the district had to offer.



WILLIE THE WILDCAT

The first Willie was not an athletic build, decked out in today's purple and white football uniform. In 1947, Willie shared the field with Touchdown VII during the game against Oklahoma A&M Adrea Simmons Andersen started the tradition of Willie dressed in a red-brown wildcat costume with black stripes and a tail, then named Sparky.

In his Jan. 10, 1964 Collegian article, reporter Loren Pauls was the first to use the term Willie the Wildcat:

"The crowd's fresh burst of enthusiasm signaled the birth of a new mascot, who may be called for lack of a better name Willie Wildcat."

Since 1947, Willie has remained a tradition at K-State. For more than 50 years, the custom of keeping his identity secret remains.

SCHOOL SONGS

In 1888 there was a campus-wide writing contest to write the school song. Humphrey W. Jones class of 1888 is responsible for today's Alma Mater. Though a few words have changed over the years, like changing KSAC to KSU, the song remains.

While the Alma Mater continued, the second well-known school song was "Wildcat Victory," written in 1927 by Harry E. Erickson class of 1927.

Left: The historic fire on Dec. 13, 1963, that left only the stone exterior of Nichols Hall, brought K-State the tradition of the Wabash Cannonball.

Middle: Aggieville earned its name in he early 1900s, derived from the Wildcats' original name, the Aggies.

Right: The original mascot "Sparky" later changed to 'Willie the Wildcat.' From the beginning the mascot remained anonymous.

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STREET TALK

What is your favorite K-State tradition?

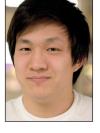


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Balanced workout plan key to overall fitness

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The big day has come; you've finally decided to give exercising regularly a real effort. You've made time in your busy day, pulled on your sneakers and made it to the rec. So ... what comes next? If you're not sure how to start, you're not alone.

Many people find choosing what to include in their fitness regimen can seem like a bigger task than the exercise itself.

A balance between the three major components of an exercise program is important for every exerciser, from marathon runners and athletes to someone who is just getting started. These major components are cardiovascular, strength and flexibility training. All of these come in a variety of activities to suit any preference.

Cardiovascular training is probably the most diverse category of the three. The American College of Sports Medicine defines it as exercise that uses "large muscle groups in activities that are rhythmic or dynamic in nature over a prolonged period."

What this means for the exerciser is there are many enjoyable ways to get the recommended 30-60 minutes, three to five days a week in. Anything that gets your heart rate up and you moving can count. Try out a group fitness class such as step aerobics or cycling, jogging or swimming to see what suits you. Even the walk across campus with your backpack counts toward those 30 minutes a day.

Strength training is also important. While this aspect of fitness seems to be loved by men and shunned by women, it has major benefits that shouldn't be ignored by anyone. Strength training keeps your muscles toned and can help in reducing the amount of body fat one has. Strength training also helps to keep bones strong, preventing the risk of injury now or osteoporosis later in life.

Starting a strength training program can seem overwhelming, but starting simple is key to sticking with it. If someone has no experience, they can start by trying machine weights that guide the user through the motion. Following the American College of Sports Medicine's recommendations, choose eight to 10 machines that work major muscle groups (chest, legs, back, etc.) and do eight to 12 reps on each of these machines twice a week. This is a good starting point and can be expanded once you are comfortable doing so.

Flexibility is probably the most overlooked facet of fitness by men and women alike. Stretching reduces the risk of muscle soreness and injury along with helping to improve posture and acting as a form of stress relief for some. Stretching three times a week for at least 30 minutes is ideal, but even five to 10 minutes of post-workout stretching after every workout is better than nothing.

Make sure you've warmed up for at least five minutes before stretching and be sure not to "bounce" to stretch farther. Taking it easy is important; static stretching should be slightly uncomfortable if pushing yourself but never painful.

Cardiovascular, strength and flexibility training are all equally important to any exercise program. Now that you know what to do, why it's important and how to start, the question to ask yourself is when would you like to be-

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Congress needs to deliver health care legislation



After more than a year of debate and negotiations, we still have yet to see real health care reform. The time has come to make the final push and get this much needed legislation passed through Congress.

Not only do insurance rates continue to skyrocket, but the continued debate on health care prevents Congress from focusing on other issues, especially those dealing with the economy. Congress needs to move now to end the debate and finally pass the legislation they have been working on for so long. The only obstacle left now, as always, is politics.

Democrats think, rightly, that they can no longer push through the health care bill in the Senate, which would certainly require 60 votes to overcome a Republican filibuster. They also think, quite wrongly, that they cannot or should not use a Senate rule called reconciliation to amend the bill they already passed. All the Democrats want to do now is amend the bill to save money, make it more effective and fix any differences with the House bill. This is exactly what the reconciliation process was created to do.

I think most people are unaware the Senate already passed health care reform back in December because of the way the media and the Republicans have portrayed the recent political feud. As of now, health care reform bills have in fact passed in both the House and the Senate. But to become law, both versions must be the same. In order to make these fixes, as well as others that would save money, the Senate should use reconciliation.

The Republicans, however, will have none of it. Instead, the Republican leadership and their lobbyist backers are now calling on Democrats to start over on health care reform. But Republicans don't want to start over. They want to kill the legislation, and they know full well that starting over would do just that. Destroying the progress made on the reform could score Republicans major political points going in to the elections this November.

In the meantime, insurance companies are doing just fine. They continue to raise rates, in the process kicking more and more Americans to the curb while managing to rake in still more money. That is why it is important that Congress moves now to make the much needed changes to the health care industry.

Enacting the legislation that has already passed both the House and the Senate would change many of the broken parts of health insurance, including the following: it would ban insurers from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions, it would give tax credits to families and small businesses for health care and it would create a mandate that all Americans get coverage. All of these are important to keeping down costs and increasing the number of people insured.

Back in November 2008, America elected a majority of Democrats to Congress and the White House partly on the promise that they would deliver health care reform. It would be outrageous to deny them that promise. The votes have already been counted, and all the work left to be done is in reconciling the House and Senate bills to finish a reform that is too long in coming.

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Keeping It Balanced



Healthy bodies have healthy pH levels



In the vast amount of health and diet information on the market, the importance of pH balance is often under-emphasized. While the public is informed about the role vitamins and minerals play in the healthy functioning of a human body, there is generally much less discussion about what foods are the most alkaline or the most acidic.

According to a growing number of doctors, nutritionists and medical researchers such as Dr. Susan E. Brown, Michelle Schoffro Cook and Robert O. Young, a diet containing less acidic foods and more alkaline foods is an important aspect of maintaining a healthy body, and can help heal and prevent an astonishing number of ailments and diseases ranging from low energy and acne to diabetes and osteoporosis. A diet emphasizing pH balance will closely resemble the traditionally recommended diets (such as being high in fruits and vegetables), but understanding the chemistry behind the recommendations can allow a person to make small changes to their food choices for a significant effect on overall bodily health.

A healthy human body has blood with a pH of 7.35-7.45; deviations beyond this range are usually a sign of serious disease. The body must maintain its balanced pH just as it must maintain the correct temperature, and there are many mechanisms through which pH regulation

takes place. These include using electrolyte buffers of sodium, calcium and potassium to bind acids that become subsequently removed in urine, using protein buffers within cells, using (alkaline) bicarbonate ions from the pancreas, using (and depleting) stored magnesium and calcium from bones and teeth, and using other methods of filtering and eliminating acids through respiration, the urinary tract and the skin.

When the body's acid neutralization systems have been overloaded by a diet too high in acidic foods and low in alkaline foods, its ability to eliminate the acids is weakened, and it must store them by relocating them within the body's connective tissue cells and extra-cellular fluids. Thus a person's internal chemical environment can become polluted by what we eat and drink similar to how our external environment can become polluted because of what we put into rivers. This has very serious consequences because biological functions including athletic performance and resistance to disease depend on a delicately bal-

For example, a placebo-controlled, double-blind study conducted by Dan Heil, Ph.D., of Montana State University, noted that an alkalized human body had reduced blood lactate levels, increased upper body power output, and reduced cardio respiratory stress with a lower heart rate, respiratory rate and energy expenditure.

Various nutritionists such as Christopher Vasey, Felicia Drury and Susan E. Brown have written books about how various foods affect the body's pH after consumption and provide detailed instructions on how to eat an alkaline diet.

While anyone serious about eating healthy would do well to be-

come familiar with this information and discuss their plans with a nutrition expert or their doctor, there are some general rules that the average college student can follow without too much inconvenience.

The easiest step is to drink less pop; carbonated drinks are acidifying to the body, in addition to being loaded with sugar and empty calories. Substituting diet soda is not a particularly healthy alternative, because the drink is still acidic, and many nutritionists and doctors consider aspartame to be unhealthy for many reasons. Instead, substitute fruit juice for pop when you want something sweet and drink more water. Drinking water further assists the body in eliminating toxins and undesirable chemicals.

Another easy change is to base minor dietary choices on the trend of foods that are green to be more alkaline. The darker green, the more the food will alkalize the body, so consider opting for broccoli instead of corn at the buffet line, green peppers instead of pickled cucumbers on your sandwich, and fresh spinach instead of iceberg lettuce at the salad bar.

Iceberg lettuce has about the same dietary impact as a small glass of water; an alkalizing salad must begin with a base of some plant that is dark green.

Although everyone is busy and few of us have the time to eat as healthy as we'd like to, understanding the pH of foods and the associated effects on our bodies can help us make more beneficial food choices and be healthier.

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People should freely embrace or ignore trends



I have a certain knack for picking up useless information in my day-to-day life. I'm known amongst my friends for having an amazing abundance of random trivia on hand to bring up in conversation whenever need be. Maybe this has something to do with my background in debate, extemporaneous speaking or my years of competitive Jeopardy viewing with my parents, but really, I think a lot of my knowledge of nothing has to do with the trends created by popular culture.

You see, I'm really not a fan of following cheesy trends, although sometimes I do (and I bet you do, too), but being the hyper-observant person that I am, I always seem to notice what's in vogue at the current time. In many cases, these widely varying trends strike me as very funny.

Have you ever noticed how magazines tell you exactly what you're supposed to wear for a season months before the season even starts? I was told back in December that platform wedges were going to be a huge spring trend, which I guess means winter break would have been a great time to go out and buy ugly shoes. Who decides what is going to be fashionable for the following season and furthermore, how do they make that decision? Do all the "Cardinals of Cool" meet in a secret conclave and pour over magazines and runway shows until they narrow down a specific look that will be "in" until its death? (I'm sorry if that analogy came off as sacrilegious. I'm not actually insinuating that platform wedges and the Pope are on the same level.) But honestly, why do we have to listen to magazines and editors to tell us how we are supposed to look?

Aside from global fashion, there are also those little trends that seep into a local culture that somehow spread throughout a community like wildfire. I'm not from a particularly marketable area for fashion. I come from a drinking town with a farming problem that has two bars, three

liquor stores, a questionable local government and a feedlot to its name, so it's not like you see a large amount of Chanel walking down the streets. I do remember, however, that in my high school days, a group of girls started this trend of cutting slits right below the back pocket of their jeans. Before you knew it, everyone was doing this and let me tell you something – there are not enough derogatory terms to describe how stupid and trashy this looked. It was especially ridiculous on anyone who wore a, well, larger size of jeans, to put it lightly. Whatever possessed the high school girls to walk around with the bottom of their butt cheeks poking out of

their pants is beyond me.

There are also trends in music I don't understand. If I had control over the free world, I would put Miley Cyrus, Ke\$ha, Dave Matthews, Lady Gaga, the Jonas Brothers and Justin Bieber in a confined area where they would never again be seen to the public eye. Although that's just a list of artists who annoy me that I felt like mentioning, my actual point is that music also exists in fash-

ionable phases.

Lately, there have been a lot of synthesized sounds, electronic ad-

ditions to background music, and a rise in popularity in the country-western genre. I don't necessarily think any of these things are bad, but it's just something I've noticed. I wonder what made those particular elements popular right now and I also wonder what will be musically trendy in say, three years.

The rise and fall of societal fashions is a concept totally beyond my reasoning. Usually, I would attempt to answer the questions that I put forth in my columns, but I really don't know why certain things are popular at a given time.

Trend setting and trend following are simply interesting thoughts that cross my mind now and then and I don't know if I'll ever fully understand it. There are numerous other aspects in our culture that follow the same popularity principles, but I don't have the time or space to name them one by one. I guess the best way to explain our latest and greatest obsessions is to not explain ourselves at all and be happy with simply embracing or disgracing whatever trends may come.

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Midweek Musings



Wednesday conundrums while the men's basketball team prepares for the Big 12 Tournaments in Kansas City,

- I think it's safe to say the chip is firmly back on the shoulder of the men's basketball team after the final week of the regular season. If it's not, it really should be.
- · I can understand losing at Kansas on the Jayhawks' senior night, but the team that dropped the finale to Iowa State last weekend didn't look like one ranked in the top-10. Heck, it didn't look like a Frank Martin team, period.
- Call me a pessimist if you want, but if K-State plays like that in either postseason tournament, expect a very early exit. Crazy things happen in March, so the Wildcats can't afford to get caught sleeping (see KU vs. Bucknell in 2005).
- There's really no time for gradual improvement either. Barring some big upsets, it looks like K-State will play NCAA Tournament teams from here on out. Over the next few days, people are going to realize how competitive the Big 12 really is.
- That being said, I expect K-State to make a full recovery under its recently named Big 12 Coach of the Year. That announcement, as well as Martin's contract extension, couldn't have come at a bet-
- · That timing is just another testament to how good John Currie is at his job. From both a media and a fan perspective, it's hard to believe K-State's athletic department was in a state of total turmoil less than a year ago.
- Sure, Currie has had some help - the return of the greatest football coach in K-State history and a top-10 basketball program cannot hurt matters but there's no doubt that the man gets it. That's something this school has needed for a very long time.
- Martin brings something else to the table that Wildcat fans should feel blessed to have - a coach who truly cares about the school he works for. Any doubt about Martin's loyalty to K-State was completely thrown out the window at Sunday's news conference.
- If you didn't get to see it live, I strongly suggest checking out the replay. Even though I was watching it on a computer screen, I was blown away by the emotion Martin portrayed as he spoke.
- · OK, enough of the sappy stuff. Back to basketball. I think it would be in the best interest of Wildcat fans to root for Oklahoma in today's first round game against Oklahoma State.
- Don't get me wrong, I'd love for K-State to get a shot at redemption against the Cowboys, but they're one of the hottest teams in the league and James Anderson is downright scary when he's having a good night (which is basically every
- · He almost single-handedly beat the Wildcats in Manhattan and did the same thing to KU later in the season. It wouldn't break my heart if K-State didn't have to face that guy again, but I really doubt that will be the case.
- Opponents aside, the tournament's location should give the Wildcats a pretty big advantage. I've seen some of K-State's road crowds this season and I'm pretty confident the Sprint Center will be full of purple. See you there.

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Chipped Off

Wildcats finish tied for ninth in Florida

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

The women's golf team finished tied with Elon University for ninth place with a third-round 13-over-par 301 and an overall tournament score of 56-over-par 920.

K-State's Tuesday score was the third-best out of 17 teams for the day at the Eagle Landing Invitational in Orange Park, Fla. Senior Morgan Moon tied for 11th with a third round 4-over-par 76 and a total score of 10-overpar 226.

"I think it's a fairly good start for us considering the conditions we came out of, considering we're playing against a bunch of teams that, really with the exception of two or three southeast teams, have been outside playing," coach Kristi Knight said. "We finished two shots behind the No. 33 team in the country in Tennessee Chattanooga."

Knight said she misspoke when she said earlier that the team had been able to play two 18-hole rounds.

The team talked about it on the plane and determined that on the good weather days, they only got to play nine and 15 holes before dark, and the only 18-hole round they got in was on the par-3 course.

Knight said the team has been using the indoor facility at Colbert Hills Golf Course every day.

The ladies improved their scores with each day of the tournament. something Knight observed as progress. She said they made a few more birdies but still had too many bogeys.

Knight said seniors Abbi Sunner and Moon and sophomore Ami Storey all had solid days and both Sunner and Storey made some birdies and scored 2-over par 74. Knight said freshman Hanna Roos, who scored a 3-overpar 77, was fairly solid but

just did not make any putts. The coach was also proud



3-over-par 77 at the Eagle Landing Invitational in Orange Park, Fla. on Tuesday

of junior Elise Houtz, who scored a 4-over-par 78 in the third round.

Elise just showed a lot of guts today," Knight said. "She got off to a really tough start, but she battled back and played her last 10 holes 2-under par. That takes a lot of guts, and I'm really proud of her for that."

Knight said she thinks the thing she likes the most is all five ladies in the lineup finished their round very strong today and really played the last three holes well.

"I think it was a pretty good start for us," Knight said. "We just had a bad nine holes that first round. Our second nine we just kind of dug a hole. Other than that there were a lot of good things."

The coach said some of the main aspects the team

will work on in practice this week are wedge control, distance and putting.

South Florida, University of Illinois and Central Arkansas took first, second and third place in the tournament, respectively. South Florida shot a 34-over-par 898, but University of Illinois had the first-place finisher individually, sophomore Hailey Koschmann.

MEN'S GOLF

Team finishes 15th in Fresno State Classic

Tyler Scott | COLLEGIAN

The men's golf team got off to a rough start on the par 71-links of San Joaquin Community College at the Fresno State Classic and finished in 15th place. It was the first time this season the team has finished out of the top 10.

Wildcats shot a three-round, 67-over-par 1,132. After a first round score of 380, the team improved in the second scoring a 373. However, the team fell back after a third round score of 379. They finished three strokes ahead of San Jose State and four strokes behind University of Ne-

"The place finish was disappointing," said head coach Tim Norris. "For a first event out, there are a lot of things we can work on, like club selection, to get us through each

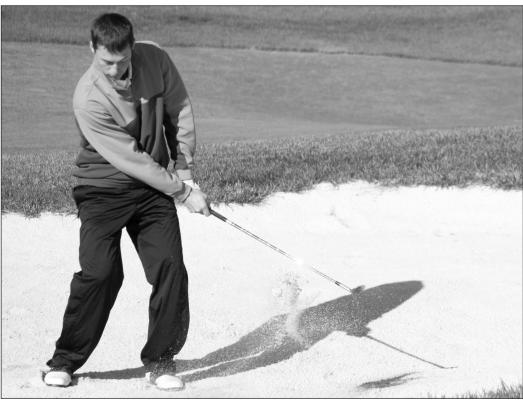
Seniors Joe Ida and Mitchell Gregson were the top two individual scorers for K-State. Ida finished with a 3-over-par 216, while Gregson had a 7-over-par 220. Each of them put together four birdies in the second

Senior Joe Kinney had his worst outing of the year scoring a 14-over-par 227 leaving him tied for 61st. Freshman Curtis Yonke tied for 80th with a 19-over-par 232, while junior Jason Schulte struggled and had seven double bogeys in the tournament to score a 27-over-par 240. Freshman Ben Juffer chipped in a 29-over-par 242, which left him tied for 98th. He had six straight bogeys to finish the third round.

Norris said the team fought hard throughout the tournament, but couldn't come together as a whole.

"I know our guys put forth a good effort but at this level of competition you need a lot more effort," Norris said. "Ida had a good tournament and Kinney had a good round where he birdied his last couple holes."

Norris said Gregson had an off tourna-



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN Senior Joe Ida chips the ball out of the sand trap during men's golf practice last fall at Colbert Hills Golf

Course. Ida finished with a 3-over-par 232 at the Fresno State Classic in Fresno, Calif. on Tuesday.

ment but was still in the top 25 percent of the

BYU won the tournament on a playoff hole against No. 24 San Diego. Both teams finished with a 20-over-par 1,085, while Washington was 22-over par for a 1,087. Thirdranked Oregon finished in fourth, scoring a 23-over-par 1,088, while host school Fresno State scored a 44-over-par 1,109 and finished in eighth. Pepperdine started off strong early in the first round but finished the tournament in ninth scoring a 29-over-par 1094.

The Cougar's Robbie Fillmore recorded

a birdie defeating UC-Irvine's John Chin to separate their 5-under-par 208 score.

Norris said the team is eager to get back into rhythm the next time out.

Our guys are motivated to improve and now we have a good starting point for the spring season," Norris said. "I know they're looking forward to going to Arizona and stepping it up a little bit."

The team will be back in action next week to play in the Desert Shootout. It will take place at Palm Valley Golf Course in Goodyear, Ariz. on March 18-20.

CITY COMMISSION

Meeting addresses drainage project issues

Vestoria Simmons | COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission met last night to discuss two items during their regular work session.

The first item discussed was the Tecumseh-Quivera Storm Drainage Project Update.

The design team for the project asked for feedback and direction from the commission concerning the complaints from the community about the next phase of the project that would include building a sidewalk on the west side of Hartford Road from Clafin Road north to Jardine, and removing trees from the area in order to maintain the detention pond built in the area.

Some property owners along Hartford Road complain the sidewalk is not nessesary and that the trees that would be removed are an important fixture in their neighborhood and should not be taken away.

Serveral homeowners from the Hartford area attended the meeting to voice their concerns. Wanda McVey of 1419 Hartford Road explained that she has lived in the same house on Hartford for more than 50 years and has become attached to the trees, and doesn't see a real need for their removal.

"Its like the city is creating a human tornado to take down all the trees," McVey said.

The commissioners agreed with the design team, that the next phase of the project is necessary for the most efficient storm drainage system in the city.

Secondly the commission was given an overview of trash nuisance problems in the city, followed by proposed ordinance changes that should improve the trash problem, by Brad Claussen, a building offi-

The proposed ordinance changes

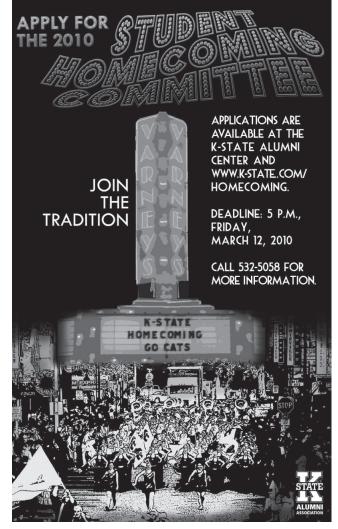
allow citations for insufficcient trash containers or lids to be sent through regular mail instead of certified mail so that violators get the citations sooner in order to correct the problem faster. Landlords would be able to cite severe trash nuisance violators within a 24 hour time frame, and require trash collectors to provide code-compliant trash receptacles to their customers.

Commissioners agreed with proposed changes and offered input on other ways to control the city's trash problems.

"As mayor I get a ton of negative e-mails about trash," Mayor Bob Strawn said.

The ordinance changes will benefit the city's efforts to minimize trash nuisance in the community.

The next work session will be on March 23 at 5 p.m. in City Hall. Citizens are encouraged to attend or watch on Cable channel 3.



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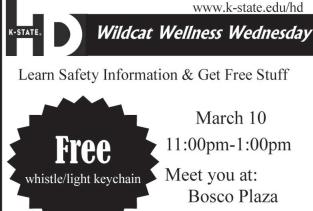
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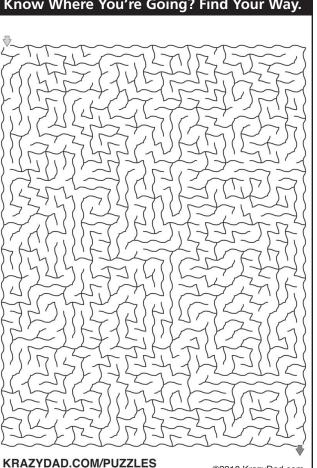
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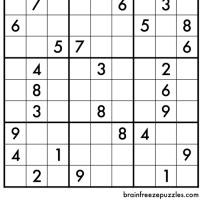
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Dietetics program offers many opportunities

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As the United States celebrates National Registered Dietitian Day, K-State campus dietitians will be spending another busy day counseling, researching, teaching, learning and much more.

"There is a lot of confusion and misconceptions about what dietitians really do," said Courtney Held, senior in public health and dietetics. "In reality, there are a large variety of things dietitians are involved in.

On campus, there are about 25 registered dietitians working in dining services, education and research, extension and community outreach programs and nutritional counseling, Held said.

"In the dining centers, our jobs are management of the dining operations," said Mary Molt, assistant pro-fessor in the department of housing and dining. "Our team of dietitians is responsible for the nutritional aspects of our menus."

The team of 10 dietitians works with the nutritional information of food items, which are displayed in the dining centers. They make sure the nutritional information is accurate, through a process known as nutrition



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Members of the Student Dietetic Association assemble appreciation bags Tuesday evening in Justin Hall for National Registered Dietitian Day.

linking. Dietitians also work directly with students, advising them according to their

diet needs, Molt said. Students who are gluten intolerant, diabetic, allergic to peanut, soy, milk or any other ingredients, or who want to gain or lose weight, can seek out one of the dietitians in the dining center for advice, she said.

"All of our dietitians are registered through an examination process and our expertise allows us to work

with students in that way," she said. "We want to make dieting enjoyable for stu-

dents? About 260 students are enrolled in the dietetics undergraduate program, and seniors have the option to take part in the coordinated dietitian program that prepares them for the certification process. The certification is done through the American Dietitian Association and students who pass the examinations receive a license to practice as a dietitian in Kansas.

K-State has the only program in Kansas that prepares students in the dietetics department to go through the certification, said Molt.

"After graduation, students choose to work in clinical settings, management settings, as athlete nutritional counselors or in the industry of product development," she said. "There are plenty of opportunities for dietitians?

Other groups of dietitians on campus focus on nutritional advice and outreach programs. Held is the president of Student Dietetics Association, a group dedicated to support dietetics students in their professional development, she said.

RIGHTS | Lecture addresses attempts to end world poverty



Marcelo Sabatés, associate professor and head of K-State's philosophy department, listens to Pogge's address on global poverty. Pogge's address concluded with a focus on the goals set by the 1996 World Food Summit in Rome.

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human rights violating regimes and allowing illicit financial flows out of poor countries.

Human rights violating regimes include the practices of allowing the elite of these governments to remain in control by letting them borrow, sell off national resources, buy firearms and maintain despicable labor standards.

Pogge said unfortunately none of these unfair practices can be dealt with effectively by the citizens of these smaller countries because, unlike corporations and citizen groups in the rich countries, they cannot gain representation when international agreements are brokered.

The last part of Pogge's lecture addressed the world's attempts to formulate a response to the poverty problems. At the

1996 World Food Summit in Rome, the world promised to halve the number of people in poverty by 2015. The current agreement though, which was revised in 2000 with the Millennium Development goals, backdated the goal so the new promise was to halve the proportion of poor people starting in

Pogge said this practice is taking into account a lot of growth in East Asia that took place in the early 1990s when China started growing a middle class.

Thomas Summers, sophomore in economics, said he enjoyed the practical applications of the lec-

"I liked his discussion about ending subsidies," Summers said. "I thought what he said about how it distorts comparative advantage was very insight-

New bioscience grant awarded to K-State

Austin Enns | COLLEGIAN

K-State was recently awarded a \$12 million grant to partner with the Department of Homeland Security and create a Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Animal Diseases. The grant will be split up over six years with K-State's Center receiving \$2 million every year.

K-State will not be conducting this research alone, though. A dozen other universities will be collaborating on investigations on emerging diseases, and one of the chief participants in the Big XII conference is Texas A&M. But unlike the center at K-State, the center at Texas A&M, known as the Farm Animal and Zoonotic Disease Center, has been around for six years. Iowa State and Missouri will also be cooperating with K-State's research.

Dr. Juergen Richt, Regents Distinguished Professor in diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, said he and Mary Lou Marino, vice president for research, wrote the proposal for the grant last year over winter break. Richt will be the director at K-State, but he said the national collaboration will allow K-State to leverage the information to deal with potential biological threats.

Richt indicated the national government was uneasy with its capacity to handle biological warfare.

"Several Senators in Washington were looking at how the U.S. was prepared for future biological attacks, weapons of mass destruction and biological terrorism, and they concluded that the federal government is ill-prepared for such an attack," Richt said.

The grant will try to address threats to America's food supply, public health and agricultural systems. Richt said his team will be performing several different types of projects including vaccines, detection, epidemiology surveillance and education. Some of the diseases they will be exploring include avian flu, rift valley fever and foot and mouth disease.

Chad Bettes, director of marketing and communications with the Kansas Bioscience Authority,



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Dr. Juergen Richt, Regents Distinguished Professor in diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, displays cultures that he is using for virus research.

a semi-governmental organization with the purpose of advancing Kansas' bioscience industry, said since the center is meant to explore emerging diseases, it nicely complements the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility's mission to research animal and agricultural diseases. The Kansas Bioscience Authority will also be providing funding to the new center.

Jim Guikema, associate vice president for research at K-State, complemented Richt's expertise in the area of pathogens, and mentioned Richt was being very proficient in preparing for the new center.

"We are very delighted Dr. Richt put together an outstanding research team to study emerging and zoonotic animal diseases," Guikema said. "The team is broad and the team is very deep, and he did an excellent job in assembling this group."

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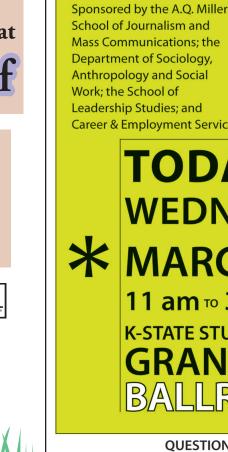
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K-State guard Jacob Pullen dives for a loose ball against lowa State guard Chris Colvin in a game on March 6. The Wildcats lost the game on Senior Night, 85-82 in overtime.

Martin amping up practices, expecting improved effort

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

After ending the season on a disappointing note, coach Frank Martin said the Wildcats have to practice the things that made them sharp and made them who they were for the majority of the season.

and a half months." He said what they have to do is rely on the expe-in our Oklahoma State or Oklahoma game.

rience of the players who have been in that tournament environment before because it is a brand new son, Martin said the effort had lessened. Forward set of emotions now. However, he said he cannot rely Curtis Kelly agreed with that to a point. on the veterans too much

"I probably did that way too much here toward the play the guys that didn't make mistakes, not just rely I still do, I'm not going to change that, but we are

season and he cannot do that anymore. He also said turbing teams and not letting them run offense. He playing time is not charity. With how intense the said Iowa State just did what they wanted and KU Monday practice was, as described by players, the did too, and the team watched a little film and saw

team definitely got the message. what we they doing and in get back to getting after it. one postseason practice so far but can tell the difference in the level of competitiveness.

"We've been competitive all year, and it's always

it up and get back in on practice." Forward Jamar Samuels mentioned an offensive re-

bounding drill and the intensity that characterized it. "Victor Ojeleye came in and tried to roughhouse everybody," Samuels said. "We had an offensive rebounding drill with the bigs, and Vic had six or sev-"We had a heck of a regular season," coach Martin en offensive rebounds, and Vic's only 6'4", 6'5", and said. "We didn't finish it the way we played for three all of us guys are over 6'7". Frank said Vic is going to play minutes, so we're looking forward to Vic playing

As far as what went wrong near the end of the sea-

"I think our mental effort is not there," Kelly said. "Our physical effort I think is there; I think we're end of the year," Martin said. "I probably should have playing hard. But we're just not putting the puzzle tokept doing what I did most of the year, which is I gether to come out with the victories. We have mental lapses on defense and on offense. Sometimes on guys, but that's my job. I trust the upperclassmen; we're not doing the things that make us a great defensive team?

Guard Jacob Pullen said the team kind of got away Martin said he kind of adjusted on that late in the from what it does as far as pressuring the ball, diswhat we they doing and realized they really have to

"If people aren't excited to play in the postseason, especially after the opportunity we had last year just to play in the NIT, if people are not excited to been a tough practice, but today, it was another level be going back to the NCAA Tournament and have of toughness," Judge said. "Guys flying out of bounds, a chance to get another crack at KU, if we can win people getting banged up and coming right back in. some games in Kansas City, they really shouldn't be People get injured and don't lean on it; they just suck playing anymore," Pullen said.

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and could help a lot in the

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"She's continued to grow and mature and understand the game outside of herself," Patterson said. "Everybody's stepping up, but we're still a long ways from doing it for 40 min-

If the Wildcats can get past the second round, they would most likely play Texas A&M or Texas in regionals. Chambers said if this team is together, they can put a lot of fear in opponents in the tournament.

"When this team has five people on the court who can score we can be a dangerous team," Chambers said. "We know what we can do and if a team wants to take us for granted then it's a mistake. You don't get second chances and there's no mercy when you're playing in the

The tournament begins tomorrow at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. K-State vs. Texas Tech will be the first game at 11 a.m. followed by Texas vs. Missouri, Oklahoma State vs. KU, and Baylor vs. Colorado.

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Tourney Time



K-State forward **Curtis Kelly** gets by Iowa State forward **Craig Brackins** for a dunk in a game on March

Wildcats begin Big 12 Tournament preparations in KC

6. Kelly and the Wildcats are preparing for the Big 12 Tournament, which starts today.

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Heading to the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo., for the Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Championship tournament, the Wildcats will face some major competition. Four of the league's teams are ranked in the top-25 and head coach Frank Martin fully expects those and three others to be included

in the NCAA tournament. "It'd be a joke if it wasn't that way," Martin said. "You look at the body of work of the top seven teams in this league. It'd be an absolute joke if it didn't."

Martin also said the tournament challenges teams' toughness because they do not get days off between games.

In the latest Associated Press rankings, Kansas (29-2, 15-1 Big 12) is No. 1, K-State (24-6, 11-5) is No. 9, Baylor (24-6, 11-5) is No. 21, and Texas A&M (22-8, 11-5) is No. 23. These teams have first-round byes in the Big 12 tournament. Baylor won seven of its last eight games to end the season. Texas A&M finished out on a threegame win streak. KU has only been beaten twice this season. K-State closed the season on a loss but expects to bounce back.

"You can't think about the past; you can't think about what's ahead of that," freshman forward Wally Judge said. "You have to prepare for who's up next and prepare to beat that team."

For the Wildcats, who's up next is either Oklahoma or Oklahoma State. Maranother shot at OSU since, as junior guard Jacob Pullen said, that team came in and stole one at Bramlage.

As far as the first round, any team is capable of making a run, but some have a higher likelihood of that than others.

Oklahoma State (21-9, 9-7 Big 12) is the only team in the country to have defeated both KU and K-State. However, it has lost to every other ranked team it has played this season. It also has one of the best guards in the country in junior James

"He shoots the ball from deep, scores off the dribble going right, scores off the dribble going left, he rebounds it, he passes it, he gets to the foul line, makes his free throws, you name it," Martin said of Anderson. "I don't mean to be a smart youknow-what, it's just, that's who he is. He's become a heck of a player."

Playing Oklahoma (13-17, 4-12) in the first round, the Cowboys appear to be the favorite. K-State forward Jamar Samuels said if the Wildcats face OU again, they will need to keep a handle on guard Tommy Mason-Griffin, who he said he would vote for as freshman of the year if he could.

While Texas (24-8, 9-7 Big 12) was ranked as high as No. 1 in the nation early in the season when they beat top-25 teams like North Carolina and Michigan State, they have not beaten a ranked team since December. In 2010, they have lost to K-State, Connecticut, KU, Texas A&M and Baylor. The inconsistency late in the season could provide an upset opportunity tin said the coaching staff will prepare for both teams, but all the Wildcats would like for Iowa State (15-1,6 4-12 Big 12), who recently managed to knock off K-State at

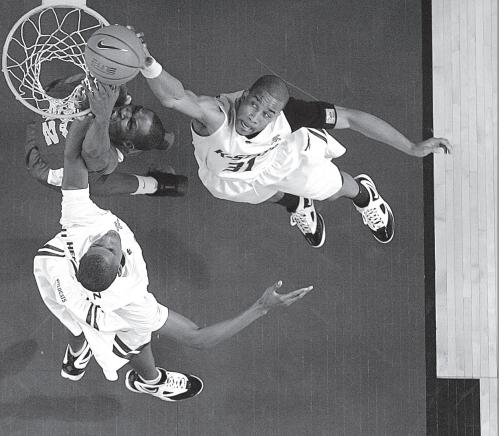
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K-State guard Chris Merriewether (top right) and forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts try to defend a shot by Iowa State forward LaRon Dendy during the March 6 game.

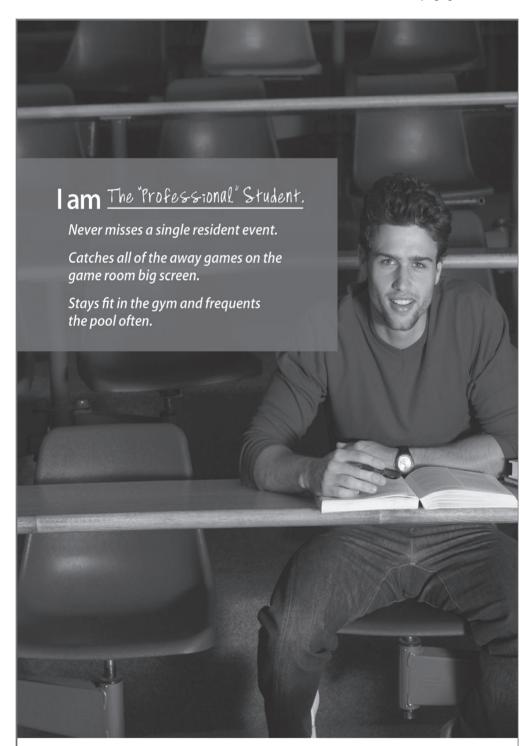
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Nebraska (14-17, 2-14 Big 12) has strugponents a run for their money. Just like any team in the league, which Martin has called the best in the country, it has the potencus Denmon, that will run the floor and it the final game of the regular season.

is a very physical team. The Red Raiders of Texas Tech (16-14, 4-12) ended the season on a seven-game losgled this season, but it has given many oping streak. Not to say it is impossible for a team to rally, but that kind of slump is difficult to climb out of. In an 8/9 matchup, a win by ninth-seeded Colorado (15-15, 6-10) tial to surprise. Missouri(22-9, 10-6 Big 12) would not exactly be an upset, but it very has a group of talented guards, including well could happen - especially since the Bufsenior Zaire Taylor and sophomore Mar-faloes just hung 101 points on Texas Tech in

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K-State guard Brittany Chambers dribbles against Texas Tech guard Chynna Brown in a game on Feb. 24. The Wildcats and Red Raiders will meet again in the opening round of the Big 12 Tournament on Thursday.

Cats ready for tournament play

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The Women's Big 12 Tournament is sure to be a show this year as seven of the 12 teams are currently ranked in

the Top 25. K-State, which is seeded ninth, is an underdog to win said head coach Deb Patterthe championship, but the son. "If we advance past them Wildcats have a chance to run the table. Their first opponent will be the Texas Tech Red Raiders. In their last meeting in February, the Wildcats lost

75-67 in overtime. "We have to defend better as a team this time," senior forward Ashley Sweat said. "I think [Jordan] Murphree got nior guard Danielle Robinsome good shots off on us and we have to talk more. Our offense has gotten better and we just need to carry it into game

the number one overall seed. Colorado, but swept the Mis-

two undefeated teams in the Jayhawks will have to play nation (Connecticut) and re- without senior leader Dancently beat the Wildcats on ielle McCray who tore her Sunday.

"The game against Texas Tech seems to be a pretty even matchup like the first time," we've got number three in the country again. It would be another great challenge."

At the number two seed is Iowa State who had much third seed. They are led by juson who is averaging almost 17 Bears play Colorado. points per game.

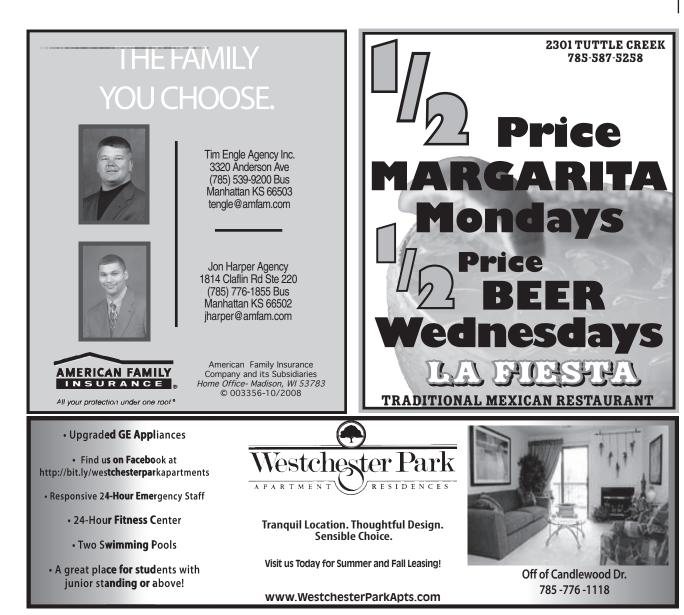
Kansas, Colorado and Mis-Third-ranked Nebraska is Wildcats split with KU and

The Huskers were one of just souri Tigers this season. The ACL a month ago. Freshman guard Monica Engelman has brought a spark to the team in McCray's absence, averaging close to eight points a game in

her nine starts. The Baylor Bears, last year's tournament champions, are seeded sixth. They are led by senior center Brittney Griner who averages 19 points success this year and has and nine rebounds. Griner, ranked as high as 12th in the who was recently suspended country. Oklahoma sits at the for two games for throwing a punch at a player, will be out for the first round when the

Patterson said the young Wildcat players like freshsouri round out the bottom man guard Brittany Chambers three of the tournament. The are starting to come around

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Team humor should help overcome losses



As I contemplated my experiences covering the Wildcats this season, I found they can be discussed in terms of two clichés. One describes them to a T and the other is laughable in how opposite of their character it is. Both characterizations have benefited the team this season and should continue to do so throughout March.

Number one: "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." The old adage is not one that ails the Wildcats. With three-hour practices in addition to weight room time and film study, there is plenty of work, but to anyone who watches the team, it is clear they enjoy the end result. For each and every media availability, there are antics galore and no one escapes without laughing.

The Tuesday before the team's rematch with KU, I was interviewing Martavious Irving and he spontaneously doubled over in laughter. I hadn't even said anything, so I was a little confused, but with Curtis Kelly and Jamar Samuels chatting with other reporters on either side, I figured I had just missed some in-When I asked Irving

what his best memory of the season, he replied it was every day with his teammates. He said that while they work hard, every day is a fun day.

"You can see it by Nick behind you," Irving said as Oh. Okay.

At the conclusion of the interview I turned and addressed Russell. "You were behind me the whole time, weren't you?"

He kind of smiled sheepishly and said, "Yeah." As Irving walked back toward the tunnel, Samuels tackled him, and they toppled right onto Jacob Pullen, who was in the middle

of a phone interview, and

he fell out of his chair.

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After that same Tuesday practice, Pullen shot free throws while his teammates gathered around, pestering him, trying to get him to miss. Samuels was singing soprano, if that tells you anything about the amount of their dedication to this distraction.

However, one does not have to be a reporter to witness the team's camaraderie and brotherly love atmosphere. That brings us to cliché number two: "The family that plays together

stays together." Now because the subject is a basketball team, it is my duty to clarify that 'play" does not just apply to basketball. It applies to the fact that, as college guys, they laugh and joke and goof around just as much as anybody else.

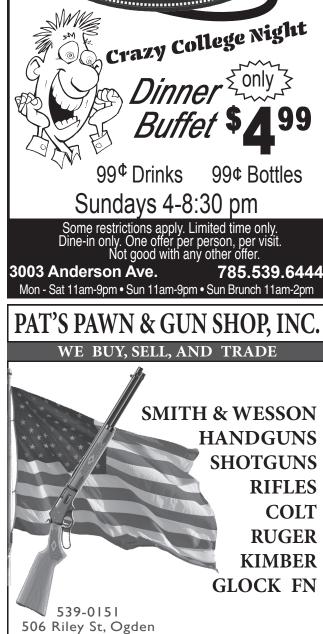
Bramlage Coliseum crowds see this each game After going through the more serious workouts and warm-ups, the team loosens up by shooting around except this is not the

traditional shoot-around Some of these shots belong on YouTube.com. All kinds of crazy dunks are attempted and some are even successful. Also, everyone has seen how the players dance out of the tunnel to begin each game. It's definitely entertaining, and Irving and Russell say it just loosens everyone up.

Loyalty is a quality coach Frank Martin mentions continuously and he has instilled that in his players. This kind of bond between teammates is what motivates guys to give it everything they have every single day. I think it's fair to say that only when a player really cares about his teammates will he begin to practice when he's been sick as a dog for the past several days, like Dominique Sutton did, or when he has just been informed a cousin and friend has been killed, like Luis Colon did. The bottom line is this: from all the silliness has grown a team that is seriously committed and that kind of team has the potential to win every

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